



BEST AVAILABLE COPY

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231 on February 22, 2002.

*[Signature]*

Daryl A. Albus

Applicant : James C. Thomas, Jr.  
Application No. : 10/036,235  
Filed : December 27, 2001  
Title : VERTICAL ALIGNMENT SYSTEM  
Grp./Div. : 3682  
Examiner : to be assigned  
Docket No. : 45774/JWP/T469

COPY OF PAPERS  
ORIGINALLY FILED

LETTER IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO  
FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

Box Missing Parts  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

P.O. Box 7068  
Pasadena, CA 91109-7068  
February 22, 2002

Commissioner:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated **January 30, 2002**, enclosed are:

1. Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.
2. Missing Parts surcharge for \$65.00.
3. Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Please note that the inventor's full name is James C. Thomas, Jr., as indicated by the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP

By

*[Signature]*  
John W. Peck, Ph.D.  
Reg. No. 44,284  
626/195-9900

JWP/daa  
Enclosures

DAA PAS415860.1.-2/22/02 10:59 AM



## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231  
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING/RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
10/036,235	12/27/2001	James Thomas	45774/JWP/T469

23363  
CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP  
350 WEST COLORADO BOULEVARD  
SUITE 500  
PASADENA, CA 91105COPY OF PAPERS  
ORIGINALLY FILED

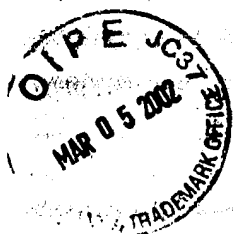
CONFIRMATION NO. 3357

## FORMALITIES LETTER



\*OC00000007394096\*

Date Mailed: 01/30/2002



## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

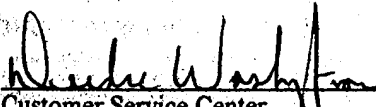
FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

## Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

  
Customer Service Center  
Initial Patent Examination Division (703) 308-1202

PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

03/11/2002 AOSMAN1 00000030 10036235

01 FC:205

65.00 DP